

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 308 OF 2015

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Monroe, Girard, Sokol, Wood, Frasier, Westcott and Strough

SUPPORTING IN CONCEPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLE XIV SECTION 1 (FOREVER WILD CLAUSE) OF THE NEW YORK STATE CONSTITUTION TO CREATE A MUNICIPAL LAND BANK FOR UTILITY, HIGHWAY, BRIDGE AND SIMILAR PROJECTS

WHEREAS, Article XIV Section 1 of the New York State Constitution, known as the Forever Wild Clause, precludes development on lands designated as Forever Wild, and

WHEREAS, from time to time, municipalities including Warren County have proposed projects such as utility, highway improvement, bridge development or other similar projects where lands involved in the proposed project are classified as Forever Wild, and

WHEREAS, the Middleton Bridge Project located in the Towns of Horicon and Chester in Warren County is an example of a project where New York State takes the position that certain lands associated with the project are classified as Forever Wild, meaning the project has been stalled and may never reach completion, and

WHEREAS, an amendment to Article XIV Section 1 of the New York State Constitution to create a municipal land bank for utility, highway, bridge and other similar projects that are located wholly or partially on Forever Wild lands would provide municipalities with a needed mechanism to access and utilize lands now classified as Forever Wild, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby supports in concept an amendment to the New York State Constitution Article XIV Section 1 to create a municipal land bank for utility, highway, bridge or other similar projects where the land associated with the project is wholly or partially classified as Forever Wild, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to forward copies of this resolution to the New York State Association of Counties, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little, Assemblyman Daniel G. Stec, the Adirondack Park Agency and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.